

REMARKS:

Claims 14-16 were previously withdrawn from examination in response to a restriction requirement filed on 25 April 2006.

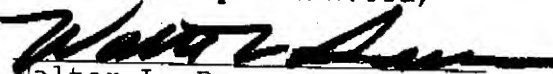
Claims 1-3 and 5-13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the applicant's admission of Prior Art, as set forth in Figs. 18-20 of the present application. Claims 17-20 have been allowed.

In response, claim 1 has been amended to define the channel as an elliptical channel, as disclosed in the originally filed application. The newly amended claim 1, and claims 2, 3 and 5-13 depending therefrom are all now believed patentable.

Applicant opines that no new matter or issues have been introduced by the offered amendment. Accordingly, applicant believes with the changes made to the claims that all remaining claims as now presented are in condition for allowance over the prior art of Tornero and the other art of record whether such art is considered under §102 or under §103. Claim allowance is therefore earnestly solicited at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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